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New York proves very popular...

Backup Hotel Secured for NSO Rep. Assembly



With the popularity of New York City as site for the 2004 NSO Representative Assembly, the Grand Hyatt has already sold out! NSO has negotiated an overflow rate with The Roosevelt Hotel located at 42nd and Madison – about a five to 10 minute walk to the Grand Hyatt where the Assembly will take place. The Roosevelt

has two room rates: \$189 (single/double) for a “superior” room, and \$150 (essentially single only) for the “standard” room. Rates are good June 8-12. As with the Grand Hyatt, NSO has a block of rooms at The Roosevelt Hotel. Registrants must be sure to have a credit card to guarantee rooms which are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservation information is...

**The Roosevelt Hotel
42nd and Madison
New York, NY 10017**

Reservations: Toll Free – 888-833-3969

Web Site: www.theroosevelthotel.com

Election Notice

During the NSO Representative Assembly, an election will take place for the following officers and NSO Executive Committee positions serving a two-year term (June 12, 2004 - June 10, 2006):

President
Vice President for Defense
Vice President for Program Secretary
Treasurer
Region 2 Director
Region 4 Director
Region 6 Director

As indicated earlier, the RA will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. on June 11 with an early registration to begin at 8 a.m. on that day. To help eliminate crowds and confusion, an early registration area will be set up on Thursday, June 10 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Affiliates are reminded that dues and Crisis Fund payments must be paid in full before their delegates can be seated.

Western CBC Explores Effectiveness; Productivity



Marilyn Aden (CA) center, talks with (l-r) Pat Chavez (NM), Jan Martin (OR), Shauna Taylor (CA) and Jude Mason (CO). Topics for the Western CBC included team experience, unexpected challenges, and mutually shared support. The CBC met March 5-6, in Scottsdale, AZ.

Corridor States CBC Studies Bargaining



Members of the Corridor States Coordinated Bargaining Council met April 17, 2004 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The Corridor and Southern CBCs met at the same time.

2003-2004 NSO Calendar

Below is the current calendar for NSO events during the 2003-2004 year. Be sure to check the NSO Web page for calendar updates.

National Labor-Management Summit
May 12, 2004
Chicago, IL

NSO Executive Committee
June 9-10, 2004
Grand Hyatt, New York City, NY

2004 NSO Representative Assembly
June 11-12, 2004
Grand Hyatt, New York City, NY

L-M Summit Looks Reviews Tentative Agenda

Scheduled to meet May 12 in Chicago, the National Labor-Management Summit looks at a lengthy tentative agenda for the meeting. "Purpose of the meeting is to bring labor and management leaders together to explore critical issues – membership trends; health insurance; defined benefit plan contributions; and post-retirement health care," says NSO President Chuck Agerstrand (MI). "The guiding principle is to ensure fiscal solvency and protect high quality benefits."

Labor – Management Summit May 12, 2004 Draft Agenda

- 8:30 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 – 10:45 Defined Benefit Pension Plans: relative and administrative costs
Claire Wolcuff, Principal, Consulting Actuary, Mellon Human Resources & Investor Solutions
- 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 Membership Trends - Bill Thompson, Director, NEA Business and Finance
- 12:00 – 1:00 Working Lunch - Principles and Procedures that will guide our Actions
- 1:00 - 2:30 Health Care: cost projections; industry norms; new initiatives; and pending legislation - Rebecca L. Royal, Partner, HDR Benefit Advisors
- 2:30 – 3:00 Next Steps

Agreement in New Jersey



Following three days of intensive bargaining, the New Jersey Staff Organization and New Jersey Education Association have reached a tentative agreement for a new five year contract. The new agreement comes 16 months before the current contract expires and will run until 2010. NJSO members are scheduled to meet May 25 to vote on the tentative agreement.

Southern CBC Reviews Bargaining



Members of the Southern States Coordinated Bargaining Council met April 16-17 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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